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Rush County has received a small amount of the 2009 H1N1 Flu Vaccine. We are distributing it under the priority guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control. The priority groups we are presently targeting for vaccination are:

- Pregnant Women
- Healthcare and Emergency Medical Services Personnel

At this time, the 2009 H1N1 virus does not seem to be affecting those older than 65 years of age, as senior citizens may have developed some immunity to the virus. Therefore, the CDC is not including seniors on the priority list for vaccination against the H1N1 virus.

However, EVERYONE is encouraged to get your Seasonal Flu shot. The Rush County Health Department is out of Adult Seasonal Flu Vaccine at the present time, but expects to receive more in late November. In the meantime, you may check with your Doctor or Pharmacist.

Additionally, we are awaiting the delivery of the Children's Seasonal Flu vaccine and will advise Rush County residents, when the vaccine becomes available.

In the meantime, remember the 3 "C's". **Clean** your hands thoroughly and frequently. **Cover** your cough and sneeze. **Contain** the germs and if you are sick...stay home, get better, and always check with your Doctor for your best course of prevention and treatment of any illness.

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